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RE: SCH NO. 09-0389. Environmental Assessment, Correct settling issues on US 158 (East Elizabeth Street) from NC 34 (North Water Street) to US 17 (North Road Street); Replace Bridge 19 eastbound US 158, Pasquotank and Camden Counties, T.I.P. No. U-4438.

Dear Ms. McGee:

The N.C. Division of Coastal Management (DCM) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Environmental Assessment for the above referenced project.

A formal DCM review of the project to determine consistency with the state's Coastal Management Program will not occur until a CAMA major permit application is received. At that time, the CAMA major permit application will be circulated to the network of state agencies that comprise North Carolina's Coastal Management Program. The statutes, rules and policies of each of these agencies must be considered during the review of the CAMA permit application. This process will also include a consistency review by the DCM District Planner of the CAMA land use plans in effect at the time of the permit application.

During the CAMA major permit application review process, DCM may have additional comments after examining the more detailed environmental information that will be provided with the permit application. DCM may also place conditions on any CAMA permit that is issued to avoid, minimize and/or mitigate environmental impacts. The comments provided in this letter shall not preclude DCM from requesting additional information throughout the CAMA major permit application review process, and following normal permitting procedures. Furthermore, nothing in this letter shall be interpreted as providing an opinion on the ultimate outcome of any CAMA permit decision.